



## **EPA Region 5 Beneficial Use Demonstration Grants** **under the Solid Waste Management Assistance Grant Program**

**Objectives:** Grant funds are to be used to support demonstration projects addressing beneficial use of non-hazardous industrial wastes (by-products). The statutory authority for these grants is found in Section 8001 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended (Public Law 94-580, 42 U.S.C. 6901 et seq).

**Criteria:** Region 5 is targeting by-products from the following industries in fiscal year 2003: Foundry, Coal Combustion, Pulp and Paper Products, and Organics. Project proposals should address the following questions.

1. Does the project address current regulatory, technical, and/or end-market barriers to beneficial use of a specific by-product(s)? Clearly articulate the barriers and the project's contribution to addressing them.
2. Is the targeted by-product generated in large volumes in Region 5 (MN, WI, IL, IN, OH, MI)? Define the potential for beneficial use of this material in Region 5.
3. Will the project produce measurable results (quantitative or qualitative) within 1 year? Explain how the results be measured.
4. How will the results of the project be of use throughout the Region? Nation? Explain how the results be communicated to: 1) other generators; 2) other end-users; 3) local, state and federal regulators.

**Eligible Applicants:** Funds can be awarded to nonprofit organizations including State agencies, Tribes, local governments, universities, trade associations and citizen groups. Profit-making organizations are not eligible. A 50% match (can be cash or in-kind) is required.

**Length of Projects and Funds Available:** Though grant projects are normally funded for 1 year, project periods can be adjusted. Approximately \$50,000 total may be available for a total of one to three grants.

**Application Procedure:** Interested organizations must contact EPA to discuss project ideas prior to submitting a proposal. A 1-4 page proposal should include a description of the applicant and any project partners, a project description (addressing Criteria 1 and 2 above), measurement plan (see criteria 3), communication plan (see criteria 4), budget and funding requested. Organizations whose proposals are selected will be contacted and provided the necessary forms to complete a formal application. Submit proposals electronically in either Wordperfect or Word format.

Proposals will be accepted through May 15, 2003 and final awards will be made by September 1, 2003.

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